

# REVENUE DEPARTMENT

## Notice of Stakeholder Group

### Property Tax Division

Pursuant to Executive Order 80, the Director of the Iowa Department of Revenue hereby gives Notice as to the formation of a Stakeholder Group to review certain revisions to 701—Chapter 71, “Assessment Practices and Equalization,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of the stakeholder group is to evaluate the proposal formulated by the agricultural adjustment committee convened by the Property Tax Division of the Department to provide a methodology for uniformity in adjusting assessments of non-cropland in the distribution of the agricultural productivity value to each agriculturally classed parcel within each assessing jurisdiction. The stakeholder group will meet to make recommendations and evaluate the following proposed amendment to subrule 71.3(1), which is intended to incorporate the conceptual framework recommended by the agricultural adjustment committee. The proposed amendment to subrule 71.3(1) is shown as underscored text below.

**71.3(1) Productivity.** In determining the productivity and net earning capacity of agricultural real estate, the assessor shall also use available data from Iowa State University, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service, the USDA Farm Service Agency, the Iowa department of revenue, or other reliable sources. The assessor shall also consider the results of a modern soil survey, if completed. The assessor shall determine the actual valuation of agricultural real estate within the assessing jurisdiction and spread such valuation throughout the jurisdiction so that each parcel of real estate is assessed at its actual value as defined in Iowa Code section 441.21.

In spreading such valuation to each parcel, the assessor shall adjust non-cropland. The adjustment shall be applied to non-cropland with a corn suitability rating that is greater than 50 percent of the average corn suitability rating for tillable land for the county. The adjustment shall be determined for each county based upon the 5-year average difference in cash rent between non-irrigated cropland and pasture land as published by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The assessor may utilize the Farm Service Agency (FSA) published Common Land Unit (CLU) digital data or other reliable sources in determining non-cropland.

All interested stakeholders who represent the varying interests impacted by the proposal mentioned above should contact Director Courtney M. Kay-Decker, c/o Kristina DeLisi, Department of Revenue, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. The Director will determine which stakeholders should make up the group in order to represent the varied interests. Information may be sent by fax to (515)242-6040 or by e-mail to [kristina.delisi@iowa.gov](mailto:kristina.delisi@iowa.gov) no later than October 31, 2012. All stakeholders are asked to provide the following information:

1. Name;
2. Telephone number;
3. E-mail address;
4. City;
5. Profession;
6. General availability to meet;
7. Explanation of stakeholder interest and how the rule impacts the stakeholder; and
8. Description of how the stakeholder can add to the resolution of the burden of lack of uniformity in agricultural adjustment methodologies across the State of Iowa.